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Chapter 9. Integration and Forced Pooling

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Agreement to integrate interests; commission requiring integration

Sec. 1. (a) If at least two (2) separately owned tracts of land are located:

- (1) within an established drilling unit; or
- (2) within a pool or part of a pool suitable for secondary recovery methods;

the owners of the separate tracts may agree to integrate their interests and to develop their land as a drilling unit.

(b) If the owners of separate tracts of land do not agree to integrate their interests, the commission shall, for the prevention of waste or to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, require the owners to integrate their interests and to develop the land as a drilling unit.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.

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Order for integration

Sec. 2. An order for integration issued under this chapter must be based upon reasonable terms that give the owner of each tract an equitable share of oil and natural gas in the unit or pool. The part of the production allocated to the owner of each tract shall be considered as if produced from a well drilled on that tract. The commission may not limit well production under this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.

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Costs of production from integrated well

Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "field" means a group of pools that are related to a single geologic feature by structure or stratigraphy.

(b) If an integration order is entered, the operator may assess each interested owner for the actual reasonable expenditures required in development and operations, including charges for supervision.

(c) The operator is entitled to receive the first production from a well that otherwise would be credited to the other owners of the integrated interests, so that the proportionate share owed by the other owners for expenditures under this chapter is paid to the operator from production.

(d) The value of the production shall be calculated at the market price in the field when the production is received by the operator or placed to the credit of the operator.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.

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Deputies

Sec. 4. The commission shall determine any dispute that arises under this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.